

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

1. A gaming device comprising:
 - an award indicator including a plurality of first award symbols and a
 - 5 plurality of second award symbols;
 - a plurality of first awards associated with said first award symbols;
 - a plurality of second awards associated with said second award symbols;
 - a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators associated with the first
 - 10 award symbols;
 - a plurality of second activatable symbol indicators associated with the second award symbols; and
 - a processor operable to enable a player to pick one of the first symbol indicators to activate said picked first symbol indicator, enable the player to
 - 15 pick one of the second symbol indicators to activate said picked second symbol indicator, cause said activated first symbol indicator to indicate one of the first award symbols on the award indicator, cause said activated second symbol indicator to indicate one of the second award symbols of the award indicator, and provide a total award to a player based on the first and second
 - 20 awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.
2. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first award symbols and the second award symbols are related.
- 25 3. The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein the first award symbols and the second awards are related by their positions on the award indicator.

4. The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the award indicator so that the average expected award is approximately the same.
5. The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the award indicator so that the average expected award is different in each indication of the first and second award symbols.
6. The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the award indicator so that the average expected award is different in a plurality of the indications of the first and second award symbols.
7. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first awards and the second awards are the same.
8. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein a plurality of the first awards and the second awards are the same.
9. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein all of the first awards and the second awards are different.
10. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second awards includes a modifier.

11. The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.
12. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the total award is the sum of the
5 first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.
13. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the total award is the product of the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second
10 award symbols.
14. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a display device operable to display the award indicator.
- 15 15. The gaming device of Claim 14, wherein the display device includes a touch screen.
16. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a touch screen in communication with the processor, wherein the selector enables a player to
20 select one of the first symbol indicators and one of the second symbol indicators.
17. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the award indicator moves relative to the first and second symbols indicators.
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18. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first and second symbol indicators move relative to the award indicator.
19. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the first award symbols and the
30 second award symbols include at least one bonus symbol.

20. The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein at least one free activation of the award indicator is associated with the bonus symbol.
21. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a selection display
5 having a plurality of player selectable first inputs and a plurality of player selectable second inputs, wherein the first inputs correspond to the first symbol indicators and the second inputs correspond to the second symbol indicators.
- 10 22. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least two symbol indicators of the first set have the same average expected value.
23. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein at least two symbol indicators of the second set have the same average expected value.
- 15 24. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein all of the symbol indicators of the first set have the same average expected value.
25. The gaming device of Claim 24, wherein all of the symbol indicators of
20 the second set have the same average expected value.
26. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein each first award has a probability of being associated with each first symbol indicator.
- 25 27. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein each second award has a probability of being associated with each second symbol indicator.

28. A gaming device comprising:
a plurality of award indicators including a plurality of first award symbols
and a plurality of second award symbols;
a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators positioned adjacent to
5 the first award symbols of each of said award indicators;
a plurality of second activatable symbol indicators positioned adjacent
to the second award symbols of each of said award indicators;
a plurality of first awards associated with said first award symbols for at
least one of said award indicators;
10 a plurality of second awards associated with said second award
symbols for at least one of said award indicators; and
a processor operable to enable a player to pick at least one of the first
symbol indicators associated with at least one of said award indicators to
activate said picked first symbol indicator, enable the player to pick at least
15 one of the second symbol indicators associated with at least one of said award
indicators to activate said picked second symbol indicator, cause any activated
first symbol indicators to indicate the first award symbols, cause any activated
second symbol indicators to indicate the second award symbols, and provide a
total award to a player based on the first and second awards associated with
20 the indicated first and second award symbols.

29. The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein at least one of the first awards
and the second awards are the same.

25 30. The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein a plurality of the first awards
and the second awards are the same.

31. The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein all of the first awards and the
second awards are different.

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32. The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein at least one of the first and second awards includes a modifier.
33. The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.
34. The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the total award is the sum of the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.
35. The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the total award is the product of the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.
36. The gaming device of Claim 28, which includes a display device operable to display the plurality of award indicators.
37. The gaming device of Claim 36, which includes a touch screen operable with the display device.
38. The gaming device of Claim 28, which includes a touch screen in communication with the processor, wherein the selector enables a player to select one of the first symbol indicators and one of the second symbol indicators associated with at least one of the award indicators.
39. The gaming device of Claim 28, which includes a touch screen in communication with the processor, wherein the selector enables a player to select one of the award indicators.
40. The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the first award symbols or the second award symbols include at least one bonus symbol.

41. The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein at least one free activation of the award indicator is associated with the bonus symbol.

42. The gaming device of Claim 28, which includes a selection display
5 having a plurality of player selectable first inputs and a plurality of player selectable second inputs, wherein the first inputs correspond to the first symbol indicators and the second inputs correspond to the second symbol indicators.

10 43. The gaming device of Claim 28, wherein the first and second award symbols are positionally related.

44. The gaming device of Claim 43, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of
15 the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the award indicator so that the average expected award is approximately the same.

20 45. The gaming device of Claim 43, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the award indicator so that the average expected award is different in each
25 indication of the first and second award symbols.

46. The gaming device of Claim 43, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second
30 award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the award indicator so that the average expected award is different in a plurality of the indications of the first and second award symbols.

47. A gaming device comprising:
an award display including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols;
a plurality of first awards associated with said first award symbols;
5 a plurality of second awards associated with said second award symbols;
a plurality of first activatable symbol indicators positioned adjacent to the first award symbols;
a plurality of second activatable symbol indicators positioned adjacent
10 to the second award symbols; and
a processor operable to enable a player to pick at least one of the first symbol indicators to activate said picked first symbol indicators, enable a player to pick a of the second symbol indicators to activate said picked second symbol indicators, cause said activated first symbol indicators to indicate a
15 plurality of the first award symbols on the award indicator, cause said activated second symbol indicators to indicate a plurality of the second award symbols on the award indicator and provide a total award to the player based on the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols on the award indicator.

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48. The gaming device of Claim 47, wherein at least one of the first and second awards includes a modifier.

49. The gaming device of Claim 48, wherein the modifier includes a
25 multiplier.

50. The gaming device of Claim 47, wherein the total award is the sum of the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.

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51. The gaming device of Claim 47, wherein the total award is the product of the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.
- 5 52. The gaming device of Claim 47, which includes a plurality of award indicators including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols.
53. The gaming device of Claim 47, wherein the first and second award
10 symbols are related.
54. The gaming device of Claim 53, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second
15 award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the award indicator so that the average expected award is approximately the same.
55. The gaming device of Claim 53, which includes an average expected
20 award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the award indicator so that the average expected award is different in each indication of the first and second award symbols.
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56. The gaming device of Claim 53, which includes an average expected award based on the first and second awards associated with at least one of the indicated first award symbols and at least one of the indicated second award symbols, wherein the first and second awards are arranged on the
30 award indicator so that the average expected award is different in a plurality of the indications of the first and second award symbols.

57. A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:
- (a) displaying an award indicator including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols to a player, wherein a plurality of first awards are associated with the first award symbols and a plurality of second awards are associated with the second award symbols;
 - (b) enabling the player to pick one of a plurality of first symbol indicators positioned adjacent to the first award symbols;
 - (c) enabling the player to pick one of a plurality of second symbol indicators positioned adjacent to the second award symbols;
 - (d) activating the picked first and second symbol indicators;
 - (e) indicating one of the first award symbols with the activated first symbol indicator;
 - (f) indicating one of the second award symbols with the activated second symbol indicator; and
 - (g) providing a total award to the player based on the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols on the award indicator.
58. The method of Claim 57, wherein providing the total award to the player includes summing the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.
59. The method of Claim 57, wherein providing the total award to the player includes multiplying the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.
60. The method of Claim 57, which includes displaying the award indicator on a display device.
61. The method of Claim 57, wherein the display device includes a touch screen.

62. The method of Claim 57, which includes moving the award indicator while the first and second symbols indicators remain stationary.
63. The method of Claim 57, which includes moving the first and second
5 symbol indicators while the award indicator remains stationary.
64. The method of Claim 57, which includes providing the player with at least one free activation of the award indicator when at least one bonus symbol is associated with the first award symbol or second award symbol
10 indicated by the activated first and second symbol indicators.
65. The method of Claim 57, which includes enabling the player to pick at least one first input and at least one second input on a selection display, wherein the first inputs correspond to the first symbol indicators and the
15 second inputs correspond to the second symbol indicators on the award indicator.
66. The method of Claim 57, wherein displaying the award indicator includes displaying a plurality of award indicators including a plurality of first
20 award symbols positionally adjacent to a plurality of second award symbols.
67. The method of Claim 57, which includes displaying the first and second awards on the award indicators so that the average expected total award is the same every time at least one first award and at least one second award
25 are provided to the player.
68. The method of Claim 57, which includes displaying the first and second awards on the award indicator so that the average expected total award is different every time at least one first award and at least one second award are
30 provided to the player.

69. The method of Claim 57, which includes displaying the first and second awards on the award indicator so that the average expected total award is different in a plurality of times at least one first award and at least one second award are provided to the player.

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70. The method of Claim 57, wherein the steps (a) to (g) are provided to the player through a data network.

71. The method of Claim 70, wherein the data network is an internet.

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72. A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) displaying an award indicator including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols to a player, wherein a plurality of first awards are associated with the first award symbols and a plurality of second awards are associated with the second award symbols;

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(b) enabling the player to pick a plurality of first symbol indicators positioned adjacent to the first award symbols;

(c) enabling the player to pick a plurality of second symbol indicators positioned adjacent to the second award symbols;

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(d) activating the picked first and second symbol indicators;

(e) indicating the first award symbols with the activated first symbol indicators;

(f) indicating the second award symbols with the activated second symbol indicators; and

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(g) providing a total award to the player based on the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols on the award indicator.

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73. The method of Claim 72, wherein providing the total award to the player includes summing the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.

74. The method of Claim 72, wherein providing the total award to the player includes multiplying the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols.
- 5 75. The method of Claim 72, which includes enabling the player to select a plurality of the activatable first symbol indicators and a plurality of the activatable second symbol indicators using a touch screen.
76. The method of Claim 72, which includes providing the player with at
10 least one free activation of the award indicator when at least one bonus symbol is associated with the first award symbol or second award symbol indicated by the activated first and second symbol indicators.
77. The method of Claim 72, which includes enabling the player to pick at
15 least one first input and at least one second input on a selection display, wherein the first inputs correspond to the first symbol indicators and the second inputs correspond to the second symbol indicators on the award indicator.
- 20 78. The method of Claim 72, wherein displaying the award indicator includes displaying a plurality of award indicators including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols.
79. The method of Claim 72, which includes displaying the first and second
25 awards on the award indicator so that the average expected total award is the same every time at least one first award and at least one second award are provided to the player.
80. The method of Claim 72, which includes displaying the first and second
30 awards on the award indicator so that the average expected total award is different every time at least one first award and at least one second award are provided to the player.

81. The method of Claim 72, which includes the step of displaying the first and second awards on the award indicator so that the average expected total award is different in a plurality of times at least one first award and at least one second award are provided to the player.

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82. The method of Claim 72, wherein the steps (a) to (g) are provided to the player through a data network.

83. The method of Claim 82, wherein the data network is an internet.

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84. A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) displaying a plurality of award indicators to a player, each award indicator including a plurality of first award symbols and a plurality of second award symbols, wherein a plurality of first awards are associated with the first
15 award symbols and a plurality of second awards are associated with the second award symbols;

(b) enabling the player to pick one of a plurality of first symbol indicators positioned adjacent to the first award symbols on at least one of the award indicators;

20 (c) enabling the player to pick one of a plurality of second symbol indicators positioned adjacent to the second award symbols on at least one of the award indicators;

(d) activating the picked first and second symbol indicators;

25 (e) indicating the first award symbols with the activated first symbol indicators;

(f) indicating the second award symbols with the activated second symbol indicators; and

30 (g) providing a total award to the player based on the first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols on the award indicator.

85. The method of Claim 84, wherein providing the total award to the player includes summing the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols on the award indicators.

5 86. The method of Claim 84, wherein providing the total award to the player includes multiplying the indicated first and second awards associated with the indicated first and second award symbols on the award indicators.

87. The method of Claim 84, which includes enabling the player to select
10 one of the activatable first symbol indicators and one of the activatable second symbol indicators on at least one of the award indicators using a selector.

88. The method of Claim 84, which includes enabling the player to select at least one of the award indicators using a touch screen.

15 89. The method of Claim 84, which includes the step of displaying the first and second awards on the award indicator so that the average expected total award is the same every time at least one first award and at least one second award are provided to the player.

20 90. The method of Claim 84, which includes the step of displaying the first and second awards on the award indicator so that the average expected total award is different every time at least one first award and at least one second award are provided to the player.

25 91. The method of Claim 84, which includes the step of displaying the first and second awards on the award indicator so that the average expected total award is different in a plurality of times at least one first award and at least one second award are provided to the player.

30 92. The method of Claim 84, wherein the steps (a) to (g) are provided to the player through a data network.

93. The method of Claim 92, wherein the data network is an internet.